

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2004.

Claims 1-20 are canceled; as a result, claims 21-24 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants. Thus, Applicant reserves the right to file subsequent continuations directed to these cancelled claims or their corresponding subject matters.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bohland et al. (U.S. 6,129,779) in view of either Hillis (U.S. 4,545,877) or Todd et al. (U.S. 5,368,902). These claims are no longer appropriate since Applicant has cancelled claims 1-20. Therefore the rejections are no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 21-24.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. Only claims which the Examiner has indicated were allowable remain in the present application. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

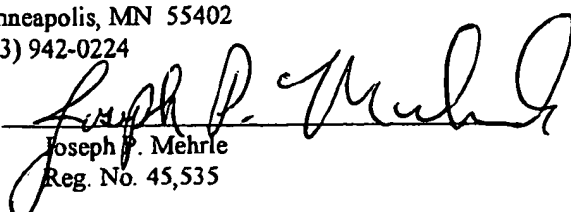
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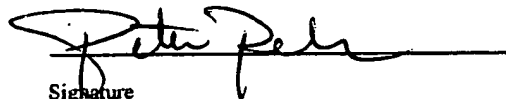
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